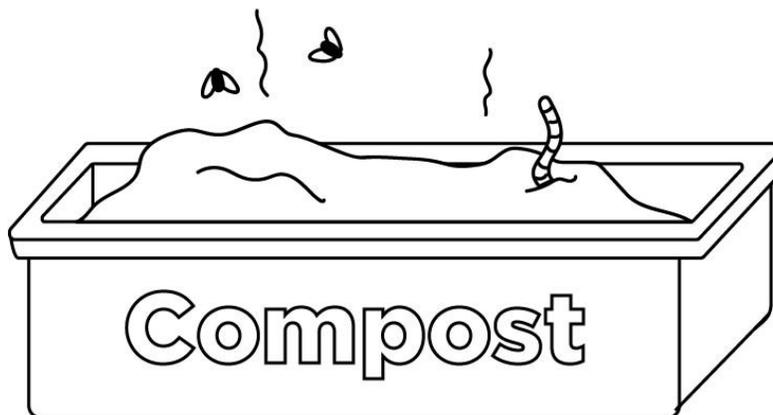
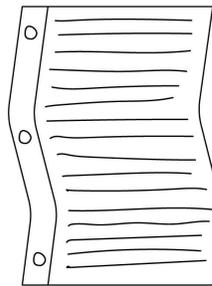
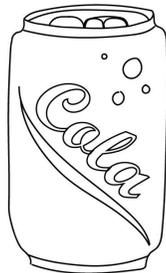
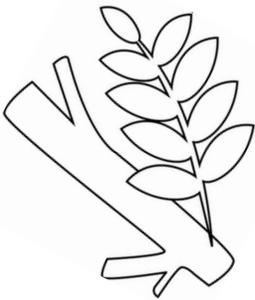
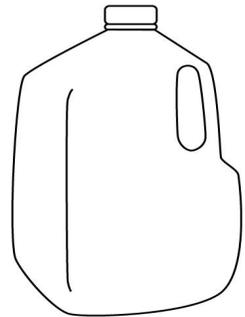
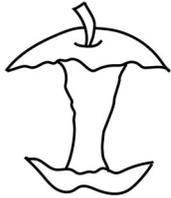
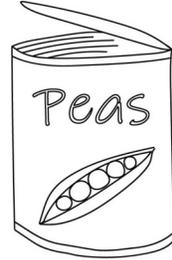
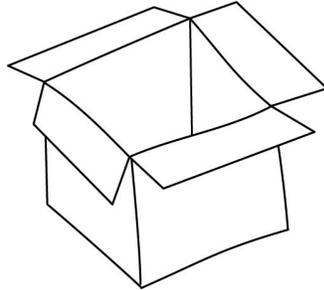
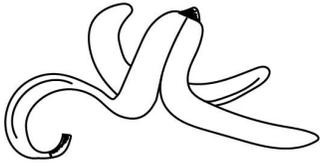


# Let's Compost!

Color the items that belong in the compost and draw a line from them to the compost.



# Discuss with your student

Everything we use every day at one point was part of the earth. The food we eat, paper made from trees, clothing made from cotton and other natural fibers, your drinking glass made from sand, bowls made from clay, even metal and plastic was once part of the earth.

**SHOW AND TELL:** Grab some items from around the house and talk about what each one is made from and how it comes from the earth.

Some of these items we use can decompose and turn back into earth or soil. Things like metal and plastic do not decompose, but anything that once came from a living plant or animal will decompose such as:

- food scraps
- paper
- wood
- leaves and grass

When these things decompose they create nutrients for the earth to help new things grow. Rather than throw these items away, you can use a compost bin to let them decompose and create soil for your garden at home.

## Answer Key

- Banana Peel
- Cardboard box\*
- Newspaper\*
- Apple core
- Leaves and twigs
- Notebook paper\*
- Eggshells

**\*Learning opportunity!** Paper and cardboard are made from things that grow like trees and cotton, which means they can also decompose in compost. If you compost at home, shred paper and cardboard to add it to your compost bin.